

***Amendments to the Claims***

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.     *(Original)* A method for reconciling financial transactions, comprising:  
  
          transmitting a standardized template for entering financial data to a plurality of  
  
          remote terminals, the standardized template operable on a plurality of  
  
          operating systems;  
  
          receiving remote financial data from the plurality of remote terminals via the  
  
          standardized template;  
  
          matching the remote financial data to master financial data;  
  
          identifying an un-reconciled amount based on said matching; and  
  
          generating a report including the un-reconciled amount.
2.     *(Original)* The method of claim 1, wherein at least two of the remote terminals use  
different operating systems.
3.     *(Original)* The method of claim 1, wherein at least two of the remote terminals use  
different accounting software applications.
4.     *(Original)* The method of claim 1, wherein the master financial data is stored in a  
first format and at least one of the remote terminals stores remote financial data in a  
second format.
5.     *(Currently Amended)* The method of claim 4, said ~~standard~~ standardized template  
configured to convert the remote financial data from the second format to the first  
format.

6.     *(Original)* The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
  
          updating a balance sheet based on the un-reconciled amount.
7.     *(Original)* The method of claim 1, said remote financial data including a transaction involving an account, and said master financial data including a balance due for the account.
8.     *(Previously Presented)* The method of claim 1, said standardized template comprising:  
  
          an operating system and application independent format.
9.     *(Original)* The method of claim 1, said receiving further comprising:  
  
          scheduling a time for said receiving with the remote terminals.
10.    *(Canceled)*
11.    *(Original)* The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
  
          transmitting, to the remote terminals, a plurality of functions for generating customized templates for entering financial data.
12.    *(Original)* The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
  
          maintaining identification data of users authorized to enter the remote financial data.
13.    *(Previously Presented)* A method for reconciling financial accounts, comprising:  
  
          receiving transaction data from a remote terminal via a standardized template,  
  
          the transaction data stored in a first format by the remote terminal and  
  
          converted to a standardized format by the standardized template;

reconciling a financial account corresponding to the transaction using master financial data stored in the standardized format;  
identifying an un-reconciled amount corresponding to the transaction based on said reconciling; and  
reporting the un-reconciled amount to the remote terminal.

14. (*Original*) The method of claim 13, said receiving further comprising:  
receiving the transaction data at a scheduled time.
15. (*Original*) The method of claim 13, further comprising:  
receiving the transaction data during a time of the transaction.
16. (*Original*) A method for reconciling account and transaction data, comprising:  
storing transaction data in a first format;  
converting the stored transaction data to a second format using a standardized template, the standardized template operable on a plurality of operating systems and operable to retrieve stored transaction data from a plurality of accounting software applications;  
transmitting the converted transaction data in the second format to a reconciliation system; and  
receiving a reconciliation report from the reconciliation system in response to said transmitting.
17. (*Currently Amended*) A [[computer readable]] computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for directing a processor to reconcile financial data, comprising:

a template component for providing a ~~plurality of predefined templates~~

standardized template for entering transaction and account data;

a master component for storing master financial data for a plurality of  
accounts;

a capture component for receiving and storing account and transaction data via  
~~at least one of a plurality of predefined templates~~ the standardized template  
from a plurality of remote terminals;

a matching component for matching the account and transaction data with the  
master financial data;

a clearance component for identifying un-reconciled accounts and transactions  
based on the account and transaction data; and

an account component for reporting the account and transaction data.

18. (*Currently Amended*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, further  
comprising:

a schedule component for scheduling reconciliations with the remote  
terminals.

19. (*Canceled*)

20. (*Currently Amended*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, the  
template component further comprising:

a plurality of functions for generating customized templates.

21. (*Currently Amended*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, further  
comprising:

a user maintenance component for maintaining identification data of  
authorized users.

22. (*Currently Amended*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, further comprising:

a review component for reviewing uploaded account and transaction data.

23. (*Currently Amended*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, further comprising:

a login component for recognizing a user.

24. (*Currently Amended*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, wherein each of said components comprise programming instructions that may be implemented by a plurality of computer operating systems.

25. (*Currently Amended*) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 17, wherein each of said components comprise operating system and application independent programming instructions.